

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Matthew Glen Wheeler et al.

Application No.: 10/575,983

Group No.: 2863

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Examiner: Michael P. Nghiem

For: DIAGNOSTIC APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR A CORIOLIS FLOW  
METER

Docket: 35010/148US

### TELEPHONE INTERVIEW SUMMARY

*Applicant submits this telephone interview summary to meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b), and according to the requirements listed in MPEP § 713.04.*

Date/Type of Interview: Telephone interview conducted on November 1, 2010, initiated by Examiner.

Examiner: Michael Nghiem, telephone 571-272-2277

Name of Applicant's attorney: Gregg Jansen

Exhibits shown or demonstrations conducted: none

Claims discussed: Dependent claims 5 and 21

Prior art discussed: none

General thrust of Examiner's arguments:

Examiner requested permission to make an Examiner's Amendment in order to allow the application.

Examiner Nghiem stated that dependent claim 5 was not consistent with independent claim 1. Claim 1 recites "determining a current flexural stiffness of said component from a flow meter vibrational displacement produced in response to application of a predetermined force to one or more flow tubes of the flow meter". Claim 5, which depends from claim 1, recites "applying a known force to said flow meter component, measuring a resultant deflection of said flow meter component, and determining said current flexural stiffness responsive to said force and deflection."

Examiner Nghiem proposed to amend claim 5 (and likewise claim 21) to add a phrase that elaborates that "the vibrational displacement is the result of the deflection" to the end of the claim. The patent application would then be allowed.

General thrust of Applicant's arguments:

Agreement reached and general nature of the agreement:

Applicant's attorney agreed to the proposed Examiner's Amendment.

Proposed amendments:

See above.

Other pertinent matters: none

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